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CONSULTATIONS, OCTOBER 29-31

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1. SUMMARY. WE HAVE REVIEWED WITH HIJZEN AND HAY OF THE EC COMMISSION THE PRESENT STATUS OF PLANNING FOR SOAMES' WASHINGTON VISIT AND THE SOAMES/CASEY CONSULTATIONS (REFERENCED MESSAGES). THE COMMISSION SIDE HAS CONFIRMED ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE ADGENDA WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WAS DISCUSSED BETWEEN SOAMES AND UNDER SECRETARY CASEY AT THE GATT MINISTERIAL MEETING IN TOKYO. END SUMMARY.

2. AGENDA: IN DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR GREENWALD ON OCTOBER 17 HIJZEN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, AND HAY, THE SENIOR MAN
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AVAILABLE IN SOAMES'S CABINET, RECONFIRMED THE

COMMISSION'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WAS DISCUSSED BETWEEN UNDER SECRETARY CASEY AND SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES AT THE TOKYO GATT MEETING. THIS AGENDA, TOGETHER WITH THE "ILLUSTRATIVE" SUB-HEADINGS, IS AS FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT:

1. GENERAL POLICY DISCUSSION

A. THE GENERAL STATE OF US-EC RELATIONS INCLUDING, AS APPROPRIATE, RESULTS OF PRESIDENT ORTOLI'S WASHINGTON VISIT AND PRESIDENT NIXON'S FORTHCOMING EUROPEAN VISIT.
B. US AND EC ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE USSR AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.
C. US AND EC ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH JAPAN.
D. US AND EC RELATIONS WITH LDC'S IN LIGHT OF COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON'S WASHINGTON TALKS: POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP.

2. TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND TRADE POLICY ISSUES

A. MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.
B. ARTICLE XXIV: 6 NEGOTIATIONS.
C. THE INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SITUATION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR (1) US-EC BILATERAL RELATIONS AND (2) MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. (TIME PERMITTING, THIS ITEM MIGHT INCLUDE DISCUSSION SPECIFICALLY OF GRAINS, HIGH-PROTEIN COMMODITIES AND SUGAR.)

3. INDUSTRIAL POLICY

A. A GENERAL DISCUSSION AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP TALKS.

4. ENERGY COOPERATION

END TEXT.

3. HIJZEN NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD NOT BE OPPOSED TO HAVING THE "ILLUSTRATIVE" SUB-ITEMS UNDER THE VARIOUS AGENDA HEADINGS SUPPLEMENTED OR AMENDED IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS AS THE MEETING APPROACHES. HE ASKED, HOWEVER, THE WE LET THE COMMISSION KNOW IN GOOD TIME SHOULD WE WANT TO DO THIS. (FOR EXAMPLE, THERE MAY HAVE TO BE SOME ANNOTATION UNDER THE ENERGY ITEM. WE ARE CURRENTLY DISCUSSING THIS SUBJECT WITH THE EC COMMISSION STAFF AND WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORTING BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM.)

4. EC COMMISSION DELEGATION. THE COMMISSION EXPECTS TO TAKE A STRONG DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON, HEADED BY SOAMES AND INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL MEMBERS: HANNAY AND HAY FROM SOAMES' CABINET; MALVE FROM ORTOLI'S CABINET; HIJZEN, FIELDING AND LOERKE FROM EXTERNAL RELATIONS; GRIERSON,

DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INDUSTRY; RABOT, DIRECTOR GENERAL
FOR AGRICULTURE; SPAAK, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ENERGY;
AND VAN DEN ABEELE OF SIMONET'S CABINET. (THERE
HAD BEEN SOME DISCUSSION OF EC COMMISSION VICE
PRESIDENT SIMONET'S ALSO BEING IN WASHINGTON BUT WE
ARE NOW TOLD SPAAK WILL BE THE SENIOR MAN ON ENERGY.)
IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING LIST, VASEY OF THE
COMMISSION SPKESMAN'S OFFICE WILL ACCOMPANY SOANES.
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ONE OR MORE OFFICIALS MAY BE
ADDED FROM THE DIRECTORATES GENERAL INVOLVED.

5. HIJZEN SAID THAT, GIVEN THE LENGTH OF THE AGENDA
AND THE TIME PRESSURES INVOLVED, THE COMMISSION WOULD
NOT PLAN TO TAKE A SENIOR OFFICIAL FROM THE OVERSEAS
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE GENERAL. SOAMES AND HIJZEN
WOULD BE PREPARED TO HANDLE ANY DISCUSSION OF THE LDC
QUESTION THAT MIGHT TAKE PLACE UNDER THE AGENDA ITEM
ON "GENERAL POLICY".

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6. PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE: SOAMES PLANS TO ARRIVE
IN WASHINGTON AT 1440 HOURS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28.
HE WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON THE ENTIRE DAY ON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29; IN NEW YORK FOR A SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, RETURNING TO WASHINGTON AT 1730 HOURS IN THE AFTERNOON. HE WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON ALL DAY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, AND WOULD DEPART FOR OTTAWA BY CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AIRPLANE AT 0900 HOURS ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

7. IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE SOAMES' DESIRE TO PROCEED WITH SOME PRIVATE APPOINTMENTS HE WISHES TO ARRANGE, WE HAVE ADVISED HIS CABINET AS FOLLOWS: NO US GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS INVOLVING SOAMES ARE PLANNED FOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON OR EVENING; FOR MONDAY EVENING; FOR TUESDAY LUNCH; OR FOR WEDNESDAY DINNER. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOAMES IS PLANNING A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 1630 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A BRIEFING OF THE NINE AMBASSADORS. HAY AND HIJZEN WONDERED WHETHER THE PRESS CONFERENCE COULD NOT BE MOVED FORWARD TO, SAY 1730 HOURS IF THIS SHOULD BE REQUIRED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY THE SOAMES/CASEY CONSULTATIONS OR OTHER OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

8. HIJZEN (AND APPARENTLY MOST OTHER COMMISSION OFFICIALS) PLAN TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON MONDAY AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE AFTER LUNCH. SHOULD THE FINAL PROGRAM INCLUDE A SUBSTANTIVE PART OF THE SOAMES/CASEY TALKS ON MONDAY MORNING. THESE COMMISSION OFFICIALS WOULD NEED TO RESCHEDULE THEIR TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON.

9. IN ANY CASE, THE EC COMMISSION SENIOR OFFICIALS WOULD BE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, FOR TALKS IN GREATER DEPTH ON THE SUBJECTS FOR WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE. FYI. HIJZEN HAS ASKED THAT THESE SIDE TALKS BE ARRANGED SO THAT EITHER HE OR FIELDING CAN ATTEND ALL OF THEM IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE NECESSARY INPUTS BY THE EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIRECTORATE GENERAL. END FYI.

10. WE WILL BE REPORTING SEPARATELY ON THE SUBJECTS SPAAK MIGHT WISH TO COVER IN THE ENERGY FIELD. GRIERSON HAS ASKED US WHAT PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY THE US SIDE WOULD WISH TO RAISE AND HOW WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE MEETING ORGANIZED. (HE ALREADY HAS A NUMBER OF PRIVATE APPOINTMENTS AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS, INCLUDING, WE UNDERSTAND, POSSIBLE MEETINGS IN THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH MONDAY AFTERNOON ARRANGED THROUGH SENATOR JAVITS' OFFICE. HE ALSO HAS A PRIVATE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT IN NEW YORK MONDAY EVENING AT 1830 HOURS.)GREENWALD

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